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St. Poelten.

1. On 27 June 1951, Camp Spratzern near St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) was occupied, and the noise of running tank engines was heard from it. Young soldiers wearing tank insignia entered and left the camp. Two platoons averaging 27 men each wearing red-bordered black epaulets, marched into the camp led by officers. The personnel of one platoon also wore tank insignia. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the camp included jeep van-like truck both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia; truck and vehicles all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. Fourteen soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 3 trucks and 2 jeeps were seen in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne. Truck occupied by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the installation. Four trucks, 2 van-like trucks, and 4 two-wheel trailers stood in the yard of the Eugen Kaserne. About ten motor vehicles were seen in several garages of both installations, the doors of which stood open. Trucks both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, hauled lumber to the Franz Josef Kaserne.

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3. Passenger car and vehicles were seen in the streets of St. Poelten. *

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Mauer Oehling.

4. two shipments of trucks and artillery pieces arrived by rail at Mauer Oehling during the night of 26 June 1951.

5. On 28 June, soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 18 trucks, 3 van-like trucks and 1 jeep were seen at the former federal insane asylum. Canvas-covered artillery pieces, apparently AT guns, were parked near the trucks. Trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and motor vehicle drove out of the installation. About 35 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced at the drill field in the nearby woods. Officers boarding a train at the Mauer Oehling railroad station included 1 colonel with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia; 2 lieutenant colonels, and 2 majors with black-bordered red epaulets; 1 major with red-bordered black epaulets; and 3 captains with black-bordered red epaulets. **

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Amstetten.

6. On 28 June, the hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 26) was still used by the Soviets.

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* Comment. The information of 27 June 1951 from St. Poelten does not indicate that elements of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, to which all motor vehicles mentioned belong, were away from the post.

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** Comment. The troops unloaded during the night of 26 June 1951 may have belonged to the element of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which was reportedly loaded at the Goepfritz railroad station on 26 June 1951.

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